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In re Application of:

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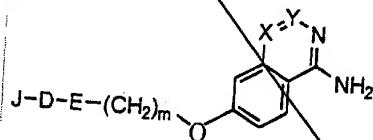
Sir:

Prior to examining the present application, please enter the present preliminary amendment. Please replace claims 1-6 with amended claims 1-6 as follows.

Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Please add new claims 9 and 10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A serine protease inhibitor having the formula (I),



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